

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Minute board meeting of 19 November 2008, the Urban Camp Melbourne Co-operative, Brens Drive, Parkville

Present: Niel Black, Graeme Charles, David Dinning, Shirley Faram, Tony O'Shea (Chairman) and David Griffiths (Secretary)

Apology: Dianne Batterham

1. Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2008 be approved as a true and accurate record.
CARRIED

2. Business arising from the meeting of 16 July 2008

2.1 Co-operative Education

Graeme Charles reported on the CFSA conference on 17 October 2008

Graeme Charles reported that he had not prepared for the board meeting a detailed co-operative education business plan which included agreed outcomes, a budget and performance-based income incentives for the Education Consultant as requested by the 15 October 2008. He advised that this would be ready for the next board meeting.

Tony O'Shea, David Griffiths and Graeme Charles advised that they had not developed a training proposal for co-operatives to the Victorian Government.

2.2 Membership

It was noted that Demo Dairy had renewed its membership.

2.3 Co-operatives and dairy farmers

At the board meeting on 15 October 2008 there was a discussion about the Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory and it was agreed that the Chairman would prepare a statement for the Warrnambool Standard. It was noted that the statement had been prepared and published as a letter.

2.4 Meeting CAV

It was noted that the Chair was meeting with CAV the first quarterly meeting on 21 November 2008. The Secretary advised that he was not able to attend the meeting.

The Secretary advised that he had requested two issues for discussion (a) CFV accessing annual reports without fee to collate information on turnover, membership and employees. (b) CFV requesting \$25,000 for eight Co-operative Identity workshops and \$3000 for an online module on australia.coop

3. CCA

The next meeting of the CCA is in Sydney, NSW on 29 November 2008 and the final agenda was distributed and discussed.

4. Regulatory Impact Statement

It was noted that the only submission on the Regulatory Impact Statement had been was CFV's and that the Director of CAV had responded to the submission. The response was emailed to directors. The Chair said that matters raised by the Director of CAV would be raised at the CAV meeting on 21 November 2008.

5. Financial Statements

The Treasurer David Dinning presented financial statements for 1 July – 18 November 2008.

That the financial statements for 1 July – 18 November 2008 be adopted, CARRIED

The Treasurer advised that stock at hand had no real value and should be written off to reflect the true position.

That stock at hand currently valued at \$3000 be written off against retained earnings. CARRIED

6. Education Consultant

There was discussion on the necessity of the Education Consultant to attend board meetings – either attending all meetings or on a as required basis.

The Education Consultant advised that his attendance would require reimbursement of his travel expenses and he would only want to attend the part of the meeting that discussed co-operative education.

It was noted that this would be further discussed when the Education Consultant presented his proposal to the next board meeting.

7. Director Reimbursements

The Treasurer advised that he would present a report to the next board meeting on director reimbursements subject to budget feasibility. He said that in principle director reimbursements should be available to directors.

8. Anti-Demutualisation Campaign

It was agreed that CFV should take the initiative in an anti- demutualisation campaign aimed to protect co-operative and mutual ownership and control.

Next Meeting: 10: 30. am, 21 January 2008, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

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